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Kids wearing "Stand for Children" t-shirts watch as Kentavious McCoy, 10 gets his face painted by Crystal Lathrop with Jump USA. Stand for Children Day was the culmination of a week of activities for local children.

City to prepare list of prerequisites for annexation of Perez property

By Tracy Whirls
Associate Editor

The Pahokee City Commission at their regular meeting Tuesday night asked City Manager Ken Schenck to prepare a list of code enforcement violations that must be rectified before it will reconsider the annexation of 9.11 acres of property owned by Sara L. Ruiz and Emilio Perez.

The commissioners made the request after Mr. Perez and his attorney, Ricardo Page, appeared before the commission to protest the commission's rejection of the annexation at the May 23 meeting.

In his remarks to the commission Mr. Page referred to the minutes of a September commission meeting when the commission voted to proceed with the paperwork to annex the Perez property, known as the Pahokee Plaza on SR 15, provided that Mr. Perez pay the \$4,000 fee for the amendment to the city's comprehensive plan and satisfy all code enforcement violations.

Calling the annexation a "done deal," that was undone by the newly reorganized commission, Mr. Page said Mr. Perez has completed \$35,000 in

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Fairbanks to retire from U.S. Sugar Corporation

J. Nelson Fairbanks, president and chief executive officer of United States Sugar Corporation, announced Tuesday that he plans to retire this summer.

Fairbanks, whose experience spans 36 years in the sugar industry, has been with U.S. Sugar for 22 years and served as president and CEO for the last 13 years. He will turn 65 in September. Fairbanks says he plans to remain with the company through the transition period as the board of directors chooses his

successor. "During my tenure at U.S. Sugar, we have positioned both our sugar and citrus businesses to take our products all the way from the field to the consumer. This move into value-added products will allow the company to be successful in today's competitive marketplace," Fairbanks said.

William H. White, chairman of U.S. Sugar's board of directors, pointed to the growth

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Nelson Fairbanks

Two-day Regrouping and Rejuvenation Conference includes tour of lake trail

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Glades residents interested in economic development and preservation of historical sites in the area are invited to attend a two-day Regrouping and Rejuvenation Conference.

The conference, sponsored by Glades Community Development Corporation, begins Friday, June 23 with a tour of the Lake Okechobee Scenic Trail from 8 a.m. to noon.

Autrie Moore-Williams, executive director for GCDC, said the conference is part of an ongoing Acting on the Vision

initiative which was started several years ago.

During the initial Acting on the Vision group sessions, participants came up with areas they saw as important to development of the area. These included creating a large number of higher quality jobs with good wages, benefits, security and upward mobility. The group also agreed local workers would need to be trained for the higher skilled positions.

Participants in the conference will discuss social infrastructure and the ability

to ensure strong human and social services to support working people, families and those in need.

Group members will spend Friday afternoon in break out sessions from 2 to 7:30 p.m. and each day's events will include keynote speakers as well as meals.

On Saturday, June 24, participants will have rejuvenation sessions from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

To participate in the conference, call GCDC at 992-9500.

Phase Three of Census 2000 begins

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Phase Three of Census 2000 has begun and local authorities are trying to get anyone missed in the initial count to step up and be counted.

Barbara Belle Spence, assistant to the City Manager in Belle Glade, told commissioners at a recent commission meeting that about 150 migrants were missed recently. She said about 15 or 16 busloads left about two weeks ago for Georgia for the Loading Dock and were not counted.

Ms. Spence said the 2000 Census was being handled in three phases. In the first phase, 36 percent of Belle Glade residents returned the forms. It was projected that 39 percent would do so.

In the second phase, a task force of 10 people spent weekdays and weekends going to the Loading Dock and other areas in town to ask people if they had been counted.

"We don't have the results of Phase II yet," said Ms. Bell, who noted that Phase Three will be held July 27 through August 15. This phase will include a special telephone number for residents to call if they didn't get the census form. It also includes radio, newspaper and television advertising.

Commissioners were told the only way the city could appeal the final count was if they were willing to go to court.

United States Census Bureau Director Kenneth Prewitt has reported that in every region of the country 90 percent or more of U.S. housing units have been accounted for - meaning that a census form has been received for a unit or it has been identified as vacant.

Some 66 percent of households mailed in their questionnaires, and field efforts to obtain information from households that did not respond are about 70 percent complete.

Census Bureau Deputy Director William G. Barron, Jr., says 30 percent of the roughly 42 million households which did not return a census form before mid-April have already cooperated and been counted by one of an army of 460,000 census takers during the second phase of Census 2000.

In a separate statement, Bureau Director, Dr. Kenneth Prewitt, praised the work of the career census professionals and the temporary staff of almost 500,000 workers helping to make this census the most accurate possible in their own communities across the nation.

"Every day I am impressed with the dedication and achievements of census workers who deserve a great deal of credit for the continued good progress of Census 2000," Prewitt said.

South Bay City Clerk Virginia Walker said a Day in the Park was held last month to encourage residents to stop by and fill out a Census form if they had not received one in the mail. "The turnout wasn't very good," she noted.

Pahokee City Manager Ken Schenck says he has heard the majority of Pahokee residents were counted.

Cities rely on the Census count because it determines the amount of federal dollars given to each municipality for various projects.

Census officials say the official count will be announced in December of this year.

Sheriff's Office arrests second suspect in sexual battery case

By Tracy Whirls
Associate Editor

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office arrested a Michigan man June 9 in connection with the Feb. 4 kidnapping and rape of a Lake Worth woman who was abandoned in a cane field off Wedgworth Road in Belle Glade.

John C. Hill, 22, of Taylor, Michigan was charged with armed kidnapping, armed sexual battery, armed robbery and possession of a firearm during commission of a felony.

The sheriff's office arrested Hill's cousin, Huberto Santoyo, 37, of Clewiston March 8 in connection with the abduction of the 32-year-old woman from the El Torrito Club in Lake Worth.

The victim, who was reportedly sexually assaulted, robbed, and abandoned in a cane field, was able to walk to a nearby residence and phone

authorities. In her statement to police, she described a second suspect, a Hispanic man who answered to the name "Johnnie" who was involved in the attack.

Santoyo was apprehended in a traffic stop on State Road 80 when Detective Guillermo Moreno spotted a black Suzuki Samurai 2-door, matching the description provided by the victim.

Santoyo has also been charged with the March 6 armed abduction and sexual assault of a 21-year-old woman from Green Acres. Charges have also been placed against him for two additional counts of armed kidnapping, attempted sexual battery, sexual battery and armed robbery in connection with the July 1999 abduction of a 20-year-old Belle Glade woman and the November 1999 abduction of a 16-year-old girl from Fort Myers.

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Cases of Belle Glade, Canal Point, Pahokee and South Bay



Glades area community foundation scholarship recipients include: back row, left to right, Melissa Molina, Lucritia Jackson, Dionne Ewan and Taranza McKelvin; front row, left to right, Nancy Perez, Joseph Miele, Daniel Farbet and Alicia Harraway. Board member Freddie Stebbins Jefferson made the presentations.

Local graduates receive Community Foundation Scholarships

The Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties has awarded \$298,850 in scholarships to 80 graduating high school seniors and college students in South Florida.

Both the amount of money awarded and the number of recipients were at record levels. One year earlier, 68 students received \$247,850 in scholarships. The community foundation administers more than 90 individual scholarship funds created by contributors throughout Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

Awards given for the first time this year were the Gina Auditors Borer Memorial Scholarship, the Milton J. Borer Horticultural Scholarship, the Gratitude Fund, the J. Peter Hoffman Memorial

Scholarship, the Reuter Scholarship, the St. Mary's Extended Education Scholarship and the Lawrence Sanders Scholarship for Creative Writing.

Local Scholarship recipients are: Belle Glade - Dionne Ewan (Glades Central High School); R. Bruce Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund, \$8,000.00, Melissa Molina (Glades Central High School); The Reuter Scholarship Fund, \$2,500.00. Canal Point - Liliana Paniagua (Florida Atlantic University); St. Mary's Extended Education Fund, \$650.00. Pahokee - Nancy Perez (Dreyfus School of the Arts); GINA Auditors Borer Memorial Scholarship Fund, \$2,000.00, South Bay - Lucritia Jackson (Glades Central High School); The Reuter

Scholarship Fund, \$5,000.00. Taranza McKelvin (Glades Central High School); The Reuter Scholarship Fund \$5,000.00.

Since its establishment in 1972, the Community Foundation has seen its assets grow approximately \$75 million - the second largest community foundation in Florida. In its current fiscal year, the organization expects to award grants and scholarships of approximately \$6 million.

For information on the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, please call (561) 650-6800 or 1-888-853-GIFT (4328) toll-free in Florida. The Community Foundation's web site can be found at www.cfbpmc.org.

Nu Kappa holds Girl of Year dinner

The Nu Kappa chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its annual Girl of the Year dinner at Linda's Restaurant, Martha Smith was chosen as the Girl of the Year. The chapter presented her with an

engraved gold charm.

The dinner was combined with a Mother's Day celebration. Secret Sister gifts were exchanged and everyone enjoyed a wonderful home-style meal prepared by Miss

Linda herself. Those present were, Elizabeth Harrington, Tina Herring, Betty Hodges, Nora Ornelas, Marsha Smith, Becky White and Julie Zambory.

Guest serenades hostess Jane Evans

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sang "Jane you are our sunshine only sunshine." Mrs. Evans was also presented with a large framed sunflower poster with her picture in the center, surrounded by each member's photo on the petals of the sunflower. During the

evening each member participated in the old-fashioned skit.

During the business meeting plans were made to visit the Agape House in Moore Haven, to deliver personal items donated by sorority members for the girls of the Agape House.

Installation of officers for the upcoming year were held. They are: President - Linda McMillan, Vice President - Sandra Chamblee, Recording Secretary - Karen Corbin, Corresponding Secretary - Laurel Tarr, Treasurer - Sara Phillips and Extension Officer - Judy McMillan.

Members present were: Florence

Acree, Sandra Chamblee, Karen Corbin, Laura Mae Enfinger, Jane Evans, Janise Goforth, Judy McMillan, Linda McMillan, Pat McKee, Laverne Moses, Sara Phillips, Gloria Swager, Laurel Tarr and Gredale York.

Levans-Rhodes to wed June 16

The wedding of Brenda Nehls Levans and Stephen Joseph Rhodes will be held at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Belle Glade, at 7 p.m., Friday, June 16.

Friends and family of the couple are invited to attend.

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Giving blood helps save lives - sometimes even the donor's

Last week's column about cholesterol created some discussion about blood donation. In the column, I mentioned

that blood banks routinely perform cholesterol level tests on donated blood and provide this information, free of charge to the donors.

Free cholesterol screenings are just one of the benefits of donating blood.

Studies done in Europe, where a much larger percentage of the population regularly donates blood, have shown blood donors live longer than those who don't share the gift of life. Researchers have come up with several plausible reasons for this.

One possible reason blood donors have longer life spans is that each time they give blood they undergo a "mini physical." A health care professional at the blood bank or bloodmobile checks the donor's blood pressure and tests the blood iron level. Once the blood is donated,

it is put through a wide spectrum of tests. They want to make sure the blood is safe to transfuse. If anything wrong shows up in these tests, the blood bank notifies the donor. Catching health problems early usually means such problems are easier to treat, so this could contribute to the continuing good health of the donor.

Another reason donors live longer may have to do with the blood itself. Donating blood forces the body to make new blood. This draws stored iron from the body. While most people have heard about the problems of "iron poor blood," too

much iron in the body can also cause problems. Donating blood helps get some of the excess iron out of the body.

Researchers came up with this theory while trying to find out why men are more prone to heart disease than women. At this they thought it had to do with hormones, but during the course of the study they came up with the theory that women of childbearing age naturally lose blood each month.

Because of this women are much less likely than men to have too much iron built up in their systems.

Then there's the "good karma" theory that blood donors live longer because they are rewarded for doing good in the world.

While that might seem unscientific, we do know that a person's mental state can affect health. If you have a positive self-image, it can help you stay healthier. Blood donation is safe, simply and almost painless.

I am a blood donor and I have found that the nurses who work at bloodmobiles tend to be very gentle and very good with "sticking" without hurting. It is not the same as having blood

drawn at a doctor's office or hospital. The medical personnel who work at blood banks and bloodmobiles have to be experts at drawing blood without hurting you. If they hurt people, they wouldn't get many repeat donors.

For more information on blood donation, check with your doctor or your local bloodbank.

If you are on any kind of medication or under a doctor's care for any health problem, check with your doctor before giving blood.

Katrina Elkin
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ER Chronicles: Saturday night and beer

By Arlen R. Stauffer, MD

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Tongue in cheek

"Complaining about the water rates in beautiful Belle Glade shows lack of appreciation for our dedicated public servants as well as for the unique and special product of our water department.

In the past few months, the character and capabilities of our famous water have achieved remarkable breakthroughs, impacting culinary, floristic, faunatic, and even social areas. These developments are really no secret. To find out about these "hidden treasures", you need only to talk with the residential consumers.

It is no secret that coffee, tea, ice, toilet, and even dishwasher have an especially enhanced character and flavor when made with this special product generated by the water department of beautiful Belle Glade. Those who eat their laundry or even wear it while eating can really appreciate the culinary breakthroughs of the recent aquatic technology.

Effects on the flora, the fauna, and social norms are somewhat intertwined. A local garden club has discovered that you can water an old oak or cypress tree from one side only and that it will begin to move away from the watering side within only a few days. Residents with septic tanks used as rooms for illegal card games have found that if you flush the toilet before the game, the roaches all run away. They say it really helps you to concentrate on your cards.

The most remarkable social benefit of the new product is rumored (between only the closest of neighborhood wives) to affect the most intimate of social interaction. The word is that just one cup of coffee, one drink, even a sip of this remarkable product will totally counteract even the most massive doses of Viagra.

Our citizens need only to understand and utilize the special properties of this product; market, bottle and ship it throughout the world to frustrated cooks, chefs, nurseries, landscapers and wives. Then they can happily pay the exorbitant rates they are assessed and make enough profit to import whatever bubbly liquids they would dream of imbibing.

Some people would complain when they

hit the Lotto that it was less than it should have been!"

Watch out for highway workers

"I am a person who has been working for Network Construction, out of Greensboro, NC, for over a year now, all over Florida highways and back roads. Florida drivers are the most rude, and uncaring people on the road, or maybe just dumb. We all spend a lot of money in this state. The company plus the workers on motels, we eat out all the time.

We are now working on tying in the work that was done on Highway 441 & 75, working two and three feet off of the road and most of the time on the white line on the edge of the road. We have signs and cones out everywhere we are working. Florida drivers are blind to them, the big trucks, cars, etc., they just fly by driving 55 M.P.H. and faster. There are people on the side of the road just inches from cars and trucks, and on top of that where you see backhoes and cones, there is a good size hole in the ground that does and could cave in on workers that are in the hole. If that does happen where the hole caves in on a worker, 90% out of 100% he/she is dead, or they will at least never work again.

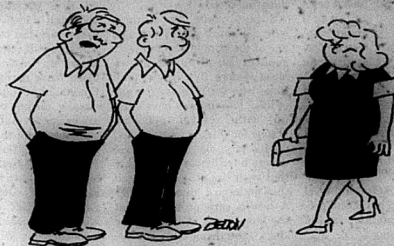
The only thing that the drivers see is that someone is in their way, not the people who could die. Even a flag man doesn't help because they pass him and speed up, so even that is a waste of time. People in Florida need to stop and think that they are in a hurry to get nowhere."

Can't you read?

"Is the Belle Glade public aware some citizens can't read? Yesterday, I observed no fewer than six vehicles sitting untended in a 'no parking' fire lane at the Winn Dixie plaza.

Not only are these people displaying disrespect for the law, and pure laziness, they present a safety hazard for other drivers and pedestrians.

Perhaps a few traffic tickets would educate them quickly. Thank you."



"SHE JUST QUIT SMOKING, HAS P.M.S. AND IS ON A DIET... PLEASE DON'T ASK HER HOW SHE'S DOING."

Letters to the Editor

Holocaust stories wanted

Dear readers,

I am writing from an eighth grade classroom regarding the unforgettable years of the Holocaust. They were so ... how do you put it...grievous and inhuman.

The thoughts, the memories and the pain of all of it has taught this class the potential of our society. We have come to realize what people can do. We can make our world a wonderful and gorgeous place to live or we can make it a living nightmare.

A few years ago, a former eighth grade class studied the Holocaust and with their knowledge they made a mosaic that hangs in the front hallway of this school. The students chose sunflowers for the mosaic to represent the Holocaust and the people in it, because sunflowers stand tall, they face the sun and they grow despite adversity.

The students also created a memorial garden here at Oyster River Middle School. They wrote letters to newspapers to reach United States citizens and in the letters they asked for people to send them flower seeds. The seeds would symbolize something or represent someone from the Holocaust. The eighth graders received a lot of flowers from all over the world.

This class would like to restore the garden with more seeds to represent other people's stories. We are already in the process of raising money to build a new fence around the garden. We would greatly appreciate it if you sent us your letters and your stories!

Cassy Cox
Oyster River Middle School
1 Coe Drive
Durham, New Hampshire 03824

Presentation by SHIP

Dear Editor:

Ms. Alyx Schaffer, a representative from the Senior HIV Intervention Project (S.H.I.P.) made a presentation to the senior and junior class on April 27th. The State of Florida Department of Elder Affairs and Department of Health sponsor the project in cooperation with Local Area Agencies on Aging.

The program is designed to bring HIV education and support to seniors residing in Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. The project was developed because of the growing number of seniors infected with the HIV disease. I must be honest, I as well as others did not know why we had to attend this presentation because after all the entire thing dealt with senior citizens. But, as she started going over the statistics in and around the Glades area we were stunned and bewildered.

She stated that HIV/AIDS is a growing problem that we must speak out about and raise awareness. During her presentation she said that there are only two natural body coverings: skin and the mucous membranes found in the mouth, vagina, and rectum.

She also discussed that there are only four body fluids that can transmit HIV, which are vaginal fluids, semen for the men, breast milk from the woman, and blood. There are also two types of HIV tests: confidential (use name) and anonymous (no name).

She also pointed out that there are two tests for HIV: blood tests (needle) and saliva (no needle). Although there is no cure for HIV/AIDS, they still have medications and antibodies that you can take.

She made an interesting point when she said "If you have HIV/AIDS you are not giving it to someone on the streets but, to the person you love at home".

I encourage all those who are at risk of catching either of these diseases, to get tested and know your status.

The SHIP program has resources available if needed. If you would like to contact S.H.I.P. the Broward number is (954) 467-4779 or the Palm Beach area at (561) 586-4943. If you would just like more information on HIV/AIDS, call 1-800-FLA-AIDS.

You should get tested if you have engaged in high risk behaviors. Use condoms correctly, never reuse or share needles, and donate your own blood for future use. Talk to your doctor about HIV. Speak to SHIP staff about support

groups, read and learn more about HIV, and volunteer to help in the fight against HIV.

I would like to challenge everyone to get involved in the SHIP program and most importantly in your community. Without community action and community support there is NO community. Together we stand, divided we fall. AIDS/HIV is a growing and dangerous disease so, be careful and protect yourselves.

David Ruiz
Pahokee

The answer is prayer

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the school shooting that occurred in Lake Worth. Everyone seems to be asking why.

First of all, we need to get prayer back into our public schools.

My heart breaks every time I hear or read about a child committing suicide or being killed by another student's gunfire.

I have no other choice but to believe that there's something missing and the only thing that's missing has been prayer. If children aren't getting a sense of God in their home, then we owe it to them, as concerned and responsible citizens, to give it to them in our school system. Otherwise, the killing of children by the hands of their classmates will continue.

We need to find happiness here on earth and stop the violence, especially among our children. Peace!

Derry Brown
Glades Correctional Institution
Belle Glade

PHA responds to Speak Out

Dear Editor:

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to respond to last week's Speak Out. This is to provide an update on the painting project for Fremd Village. As I stated in a previous article, PHA selected M.A. Schenk & Associates as engineer for this project. The project has been advertised, and bid opening is scheduled for 3 p.m. on June 16. The public is invited to attend. The work should commence within 30 days of bid award. The Department of Housing & Urban Development awarded the funds to complete this project.

Cabinet replacement for Fremd was approved in PHA's Five Year Comprehensive Plan a couple of years ago. However, the work is scheduled for grant year 2000-2001. We expect to begin this project this year.

In reference to the caller's concern regarding their roach problem, we contract with an exterminator to provide monthly services to each unit. Many residents, however, will not let the exterminator inside their units for treatment. This is an on-going problem. In addition to extermination services, you may take other measures to help with infestation, for example, do not leave exposed foods in cabinets or on counters; no clean dishes in sink overnight; properly dispose of garbage and trash; do not leave damp or dirty clothing/towels laying around in the unit. Moreover, the caller's concern regarding roaches should be addressed to his or her Housing Manager in order that proper attention is given to his or her unit. Regarding the caller's concern about water being turned off, we cannot control underground water line breaks. We especially wish they would not occur. The residents are without water. We get bombarded with calls. The Day Center has to shut down. It is costly, and it is time consuming. Even though we always make efforts to notify residents when water is expected to be off for an extended period of time, we will take additional measures. In the future, we plan to utilize the radio station (WSWN) to help get emergency information to residents.

If anyone should have future concerns, please contact the Housing Authority's office at 924-5565. You may also attend PHA's Board of Commissioners meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m., or you may utilize the comment boxes at either of our offices. In addition, you may contact your resident leader for a calendar of their meetings.

Julia Hale
Pahokee Housing Authority

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Police Officer Shane Burns was named Belle Glade's Employee of the Month for March and was presented a plaque and a check during the June 5 commission meeting. Mayor Harma Miller is shown congratulating Officer Burns.

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Vacation Bible School
Vacation Bible School will be held at the Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Belle Glade on June 20-23 from 9 a.m. to noon. Youth ages five to 18 are encouraged to attend. Registration will be held on Friday, June 16 at 3 p.m.

State Youth Congress

The State Youth Congress of the Eastern Florida Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ convenes June 20-24 at Greater St. Paul Church of God in Christ, 915 West Avenue A, Belle Glade. Pastor Clarence Brown, invites all churches in the community and the surrounding communities to share in the daily sessions. The theme is "Investing in Prayer for Our Youth Produces Great Dividends."

There will be evening worship nightly at 7:30 p.m., featuring the Jurisdiction Church Choir. On Saturday, June 24, youth activities are scheduled. A picnic will follow.

Vacation Bible School

A Vacation Bible School will be conducted June 18-22 at Belle Glade Church of Christ, 125 N.W. Avenue D, Belle Glade.

The VBS starts each day at 7 p.m. and dismisses at 8:30 p.m. There will be Bible classes for all ages and free refreshments. All materials are free and there will be no collections. Everyone is invited to attend and bring their family and friends.

Spay Shuttle to be in the Glades

The Spay Shuttle, Palm Beach County's low-cost mobile spay/neuter clinic for dogs and cats, will be in Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee. They will be at Glades Plaza June 14-17 at Avenue E and State Road 7, Belle Glade.

They will be in South Bay at 730 Martin Luther King Blvd. and N.W. 8th Avenue June 21 to June 24 all day and in Pahokee at Foodland Grocer, 600 East Main Street from June 28 through July 1.

Low income residents living in Palm Beach County must qualify to have their dogs and cats spayed or neutered for \$10.

A rabies vaccination and county license tag are included. Proof of residency and income will be required. The program service is free to pets owned by citizens on public assistance.

For more information, call 561-233-7729.

Play "Guilty of Sin" at Faith Missionary Baptist

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 1119 N.W. 12th Street, Belle Glade is presenting the play "Guilty of Sin" on Sunday, June 18 at 7 p.m. and again on Monday, June 19 at 7 p.m.

All are invited to attend. The church is located across from the Belle Glade Housing Authority on Avenue E, near the laundry, turn at light.

Adult Summer Programs at Glades Central

Glades Central Community High School will be open this summer until July 21, 2000, for Adult Education Programs.

Adult Basic Education, GED preparation, and English for speakers of other languages. Classes will be held Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - noon and 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Palm Tran will continue running buses until 8:35 p.m. and child care will be available during evening classes only.

High School credit classes for students who need to make up failed courses will also be in session. Call 993-4404 for more information.

Remember Hurricane Irene?



Mike Lyons

Hurricane Irene will always be remembered as the minor hurricane that caused major problems in the Palm Beaches and the Treasure Coast. The category one storm swept through south Florida last October, producing nearly 20 inches of rain, causing thousands of power outages and claiming eight lives.

It was a mess. Thousands of folks spent days without power and weeks cleaning up from the late-season hurricane. Damages ran into the millions from this so-called "minor" storm.

Yet, Irene is a good reminder that wind speeds do not tell the whole story of a hurricane. Irene produced sustained winds of 75 mph, yet nearly all of those high winds were over the open waters of the Atlantic Ocean. Sustained hurricane force winds were never recorded on land.

It was Irene's rains that produced the biggest problems in our area. Significant flooding

took place across the region. Gusts winds of 50 to 60 mph did knock down trees and power poles but it was Irene's water, not her winds that produced the most headaches.

After all, a hurricane causes all sorts of problems when it makes landfall. In addition to high winds, hurricanes produce storm surges, tornadoes and often the most deadly element of all-inland flooding.

A new study by Ed Rappaport of the National Hurricane Center found that inland flooding has been responsible for more than half the deaths associated with tropical cyclones in the United States.

Hurricane Floyd is another good example. As we all remember, the powerful category four hurricane threatened Florida last September. Floyd was an awesome sight on satellite photographs, a hurricane as strong as Andrew but about four times larger.

After flirting with Florida's east coast, Floyd weakened into a category two hurricane and made landfall in North Carolina. The storm brought intense rain and record flooding to the region.

And it was the rain and the flooding that killed so many people. The final death toll from Hurricane Floyd was 56, making Floyd the deadliest hurricane in the United States in over a quarter century. Of

those 56 deaths, 50 drowned due to inland flooding.

Floyd was a big, wet storm that moved very slowly through North Carolina. The forward speed of the tropical cyclone is often the most important element in producing inland flooding. A slow-moving storm, like Floyd, means heavy rain and flooding. A quick-moving hurricane, like Andrew, translates into very little rainfall.

A very weak storm that stalls over a region can cause big problems, too. In 1979, Tropical Depression Claudette brought 45 inches of rain in 24 hours to Alvin, Texas.

Many of Floyd's victims lived many miles from the coastline. Rappaport's study discovered that inland flooding can be a major threat to communities hundreds of miles from the coast.

In 1972, for example, Hurricane Agnes produced flooding in the northeastern United States, claiming 122 deaths and producing \$6.4 billion in damages. In 1955, the remnants of Hurricane Diane brought inland flooding to Pennsylvania, New York and New England, killing 200 and causing \$4.2 billion in damages.

When it comes to hurricanes, wind speeds only tell part of the story.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBT-TV.)

CRIME STOPPERS



Melvin Harrell

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc. is asking citizens to help locate Melvin Harrell, who is wanted for violation of probation on charges of possession of cocaine, resisting arrest with violence, uttering a forged instrument and two counts of grand theft.

Harrell is a black male, 5'10" tall, and weighs 160 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is January 4, 1978.

His last known address was 1908 Palm Acres Drive, West Palm Beach.

His last occupation was as a car detailer. His warrant was active as of May 30, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Melvin Harrell or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-3477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Arrest Blotters

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office made 15 arrests the week of June 1-12. Those arrested included:

June 1 - Marvin Jenkins, 37, Belle Glade, violation of probation.

June 2 - Emanuel Harry Bienaime, 22, Belle Glade, possession of marijuana under 20 grams, possession of marijuana with intent to sell.

June 5 - Tarrick J. Harris, 27, Belle Glade, two counts. VOP burglary of conveyance; Antonio Knoles, 19, Pahokee, aggravated battery on pregnant woman.

June 7 - Ennis Carmen Thompson, 36, Belle Glade, domestic battery.

June 8 - Jean LaFolice, 18, grand theft auto.

June 9 - Richard Davis, 28, Belle Glade, felony driving while license suspended.

June 11 - Juvenile, 17, Belle Glade, aggravated battery with deadly weapon; Juvenile, 13, Belle Glade, aggravated battery with deadly weapon; Violet Burey, 35, Belle Glade, aggravated battery with deadly weapon; Kelvin Clark, 25, Belle Glade, warrant arrest for discharging firearm on school property, aggravated assault w/firearm, armed trespass.

June 12 - Juveniles, two 16, one 13, and one 12, Pahokee, burglary of a residence; Juvenile, 15, Pahokee, possession of stolen property.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 9 arrests the week of June 4-10. Those arrested included:

June 4 - 6 No arrests made.

June 7 - Juvenile, 11, battery; Edwin E. Denard, 37, battery; Dewain Edwards, 23, violation of the open container law; Terrence J. Spear, 29, violation of the open container law; Emma L. Drummer, 29, aggravated domestic battery.

June 8 - Jeremiah Dunning, 23, aggravated assault; Karl Beaudry, 23, warrant for failure to appear; Timothy Wright, 46, trespassing after warning.

June 9 - Juvenile, 16, pickup order.

June 10 - No arrests made.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 528 complaints and gave 16 traffic citations the week of June 5-11. Those arrested included:

June 5 - Paula Stiles, 23, failure to appear on a traffic citation and on charges of driving while license suspended or revoked.

June 6 - Juveniles, 10 and 13, affray.

June 7 - Freddy Lee Taylor, 33, stalking and possession of drug paraphernalia; Travis Clemons, 33, battery; Anna Morales, 19, retail theft; Anthony Bennett, 30, habitual driving while license suspended; Juvenile, 16, resisting an officer without violence and retail theft; William Deralin, 18, battery on a pregnant female.

June 8 - Julius Jones, 19, grand theft; Mary Jean Royal, 49, possession of drug paraphernalia; Bobby Chambers Jr., 35, burglary, possession of burglary tools and retail theft; Rogelio Martinez, 24, domestic assault; Juvenile, 17, affray; Juvenile, 16, affray and criminal mischief.

June 9 - No arrests made.

June 10 - John Wesley Thomas, 40, carrying a concealed weapon and resisting arrest with violence; Juvenile, 14, burglary to a school, possession of burglary tools, grand theft and resisting arrest without violence; Juvenile, 13, burglary to a school, possession of burglary tools, grand theft and resisting arrest without violence.

June 11 - Leon Williams, 34, petty theft, resisting arrest without violence and failure to appear on charges of loitering and prowling; Juvenile, 14, failure to appear on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, disrupting a school function and exhibiting a weapon on school property; Lennie Brown, 29, contempt of court.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department handled 174 calls, issued 17 traffic citations and made 12 arrests the week of June 5-11. Those arrested included:

June 5 - Nathaniel Wells, 36, aggravated battery; Julie Williams, 40, battery, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

June 6 - Ricardo Nunez, 30, domestic battery.

June 7 - Anthony Bosquet, 21, possession of cocaine and tampering with physical evidence; Juvenile, 16, obstruction by a disguised person; Philbart Marriott, 46, domestic battery.

June 8 - Quorin Carter, 21, possession of burglary tools and loitering and prowling; Freddie Monroe, 19, felony larceny.

June 9 - Jorge Solis, 49, domestic battery.

June 10 - Ossie Polk Jr., 29, aggravated battery and resisting arrest with violence.

June 11 - Lawrence Cooper, 55, filing a false police report; Julia Williams, 39, trespassing after warning.

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Sports this week

Eight-year-old gymnast to vie for national title



Arielle Murray

One of the "Glades" own is getting ready to compete for the National Title June 28th - July 2, 2000 in Des Moines, Iowa.

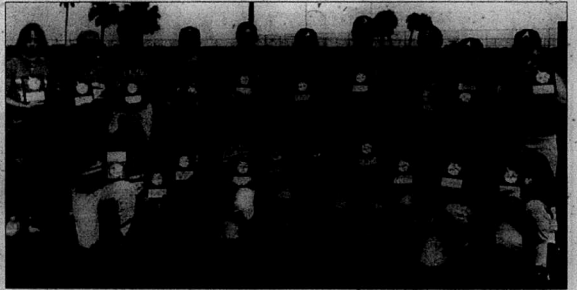
Arielle Murray is an eight year-old gymnast formally of the Glades. She is the daughter of Charlette and Bill Murray who resided in Belle Glade and were both employed with the Belle Glade Police Department until Bill retired and relocated in Perry in 1994. Arielle is the granddaughter of Betty and Bill Boyer of Belle Glade and the great-granddaughter of Margie Henderson of South Bay.

Arielle had a very good year, competing in three AAU State Qualifiers and finishing in the top ten in all three meets. In April she competed at State competition at Disney's Wide World Of Sports Complex and finished 15th in the State "all around" and took first place in

the state on vault in her age division with a score of 9.2.

Arielle advanced to her National Qualifier and finished third "all around" in her age division, placing first and winning a gold medal with a score of 9.14 on the floor exercise. With Arielle placing third at the National Qualifier she earned her place on "Team Florida" and will be one of the girls representing Florida at The 2000 National AAU Age Group Division Gymnastics Championship in Iowa.

Arielle is seeking any donations from Businesses and family friends from their hometown as this will be a very costly trip with airfare, lodging, coach's fees, etc. Any and all assistance will be greatly appreciated. For more information about donating contact her grandmother Betty Boyer at 561-996-8296 or Margie Henderson at 561-996-3863.



Dixie League Girls Softball All-Stars include, front row, left to right: Jelissa O'Farrel, Andrianna Abner, Amber Ford, Dorothy Avant, Andrea Browder, Nadia Esquivel, Rachel McGee, Ashley Baughman, Amy Hooker, Jessie Figueroa; second row: Gabbie Hatten, Earnetta Woods, Dora Mapp, Kristen Lamoureux, Amanda Lewis, Vaneza Roa, Michelle Rodriguez, Joy Hessing, Keren Rodriguez and Jalme Alvarez.



Dixie League Girls Softball runners up, Latin Grocery Athletics, include, first row, from left to right: Taylor Towell, Patricia Priest, Michelle Priest, Jelissa O'Farrel, Dorothy Avant, Melinda Soriano; second row: Rebecca Mapp, Twila Tillman, Kayla Dishman, Amanda Palmer, Amanda Lewis, Dora Mapp, Natalie Ornelas, Krista Caswell, and Coach Bill Avant.



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Pahokee Police Department and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Explorer Post 611 hosted a Family Fun Fishing Day at the Pahokee Marina. Children and their parents had a great time fishing together. They also enjoyed eating hot-dogs and winning prizes donated by area businesses. Wildlife Officer Lt. John Reed said he would like for this to be a yearly event. Pictured are the winners from the drawing.

Dairy Farmers' Banquet for Champions honors Florida's top athletes and coaches

Florida's top high school athletes and coaches will be honored as part of the eighth annual Dairy Farmers Sports Awards Program Banquet for Champions Saturday, June 24, at Sea World Orlando. Included to be honored is Milton Watson, former Glades Central Community High School football coach. The awards program is sponsored by Dairy Farmers Inc. and the Florida Athletic Coaches Association (FACA) and will be held at Seaworld's Ports of Call Special Events Complex.

Winners in 20 sports and the recipients of the scholar-athlete awards will be honored at the banquet featuring Neal Anderson, Chicago Bear All-Pro Running Back and former-Florida Gator, as the guest speaker. Prior to the awards luncheon, the coaches and athletes will receive a guided tour of the Pacific Point Preserve and the opportunity for interaction with sea lions and harbor seals.

The event will be televised with a one-hour special on Sunshine Network to more than 4.5 million able homes statewide. Along with honoring the state's top high school athletes, coaches and scholar-athletes, Dairy Farmers Inc. will present the third annual "Cream of the Crop" and Florida Dairy Farmers Special Olympics' Athlete-of-the-Year awards.

After receiving nominations from coaches and media in each of the 20 FACA districts in the state, voters select the top players and coaches in each classification. A final round of voting selects the

individual player of the year in each sport.

During the past eight years, the award program has honored more than 2,000 coaches and athletes statewide.

"Following the tradition of our

high school sports award program, this year's honoree's once again exemplify what talents plus hard work and dedication can accomplish," said Michele Cooper, Manager of Dairy Farmers Inc.



Jermaine Jackson, center, a standout performer on the Pahokee Blue Devil boys basketball team, signs a full scholarship to attend Indian River Community College in the fall. Looking on from left to right are Mike Leatherwood, head coach of Indian River (the winning Junior College in the state) and Jackson's brother, Pahokee's freshman sensation Zabian Dowdell.

Kids 10-17 can attend Roosevelt "Tadpole" Blackmon Football Camp June 17

Students between the ages of 10-17 are invited to attend the Second Annual Roosevelt "Tadpole" Blackmon NFL Football Camp at Glades Central's athletic complex on Saturday, June 17th.

Registration will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. After the registration period, NFL players from several teams will be on hand to provide mini-camps.

Among the NFL players expected to participate will be Roosevelt "Tadpole" Blackmon, who is largely responsible for the roster of NFL players who will be in attendance. Other NFL stars who are expected to

attend are: Johnny Rutledge (Arizona Cardinals); Duane Starks (Baltimore Ravens); Brandon Bennett, Lawrence Wright (Cincinnati Bengals); Jimmy Spencer (Denver Broncos); Antuan Edwards (Green Bay Packers); Jessie Hester (Indianapolis Colts); Fred Taylor (Jacksonville Jaguars); Robert Newkirk (New Orleans Saints); Eli Hilliard (New York Giants); Troy Edwards (Pittsburgh Steelers); JaJuan Seider (San Diego Chargers); Willie Jones (St. Louis Rams); Reidel Anthony, Jaquez Green, Shuan King, Anthony McFarland (Tampa Bay Buccaneers); Jevon

Kearse and Samari Rolle (Tennessee Titans).

Of the NFL players listed above, Blackmon (Cincinnati Bengals), Rutledge, Spencer, Hester, Taylor, Newkirk, Seider, Jones and Anthony are graduates of Glades Central High School.

There will be a benefit basketball game at 6:30 p.m. in the Gymnasium with proceeds going to the athletic department of the school. Donation: \$4 adults and \$2 children. Support the athletic department.

For further information, please contact Athletic Director, Jay Seider.

Charite competes in state track and field championships

While competing in the recent state track and field championships, Cadet Brown Charite, a Sophomore at Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Petersburg placed 15th against all other Class 1A competitors in the 110

meter hurdles with a time of 17.23.

The mission of Admiral Farragut Academy is to provide each student with a life discipline while preparing each for a successful college career.

Two of the twelve moon-walking astronauts, Alan Shepard and Charles Duke, are A.F.A. graduates.

Cadet Charite is the son of Mr. Ferdinand and Elia Charite of Belle Glade.

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